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met origineele teekening
door
Syd^m Edwards.

DESCRIPTION

OF A

RARE SCARABÆUS

FROM

POTOSI, IN SOUTH AMERICA ;

WITH

ENGRAVED REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SAME ,

COLOURED FROM NATURE .

BY

JOHN FRANCILLON .

LONDON :

PRINTED BY C. WHITTINGHAM

1795.

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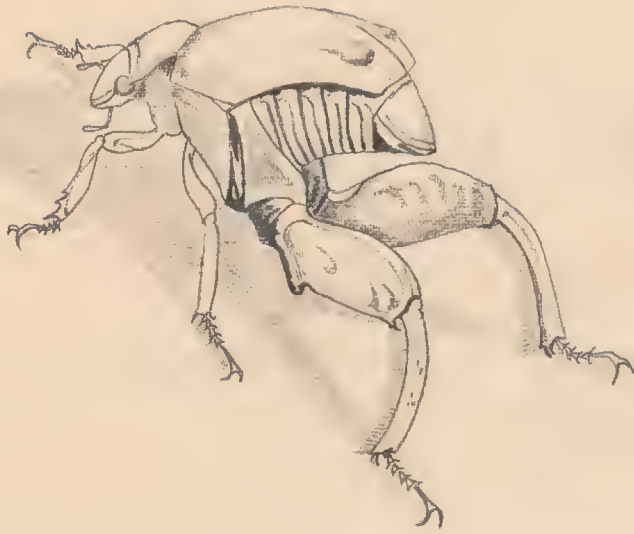
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Scarabaeus Kangaroo.

Le scarabee étoit trouvé en
Potosi, pres de Peru.

The Scarabeus is in the Cabinet of
Mr Francillon, of Norfolk Street
28 Nov 1792 London

Chrysoina
macropus Francillon
1795.

SCARABÆUS MACROPUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ clavatæ capitulo fissili.

Tibiæ anticæ sæpius dentatæ.

LIN. SYST. NAT. p. 541.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

*Scarabæus scutellatus viridis nitens, subtus cupreo-auratus, pectore porrecto,
femoribus posticis crassissimis.*

INSECTUM hoc, formæ insolitæ, et eximiæ pulchritudinis nullus unquam descripsit physicus. Creditur porro non aliud extare Specimen præter id quod depinximus, ab Ulyssipone in Angliam illarum; quodque generasse aiunt Potosos in America Australi. Ostendit tabula naturalem insecti magnitudinem.

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THE KANGUROO BEETLE.

GENERIC CHARACTER .

Antennæ divided at the tip or head into several lamellæ .
Tibiæ, or second joints of the fore-legs, generally toothed.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER .

Scutellated bright-green beetle, gold-coppery beneath ; with projecting breast: the thighs of the hind-legs very thick .

THIS highly singular and beautiful insect, which has not as yet been described by any systematic Naturalist, and of which the Specimen itself is unique, was received from Lisbon ; and is supposed to be a native of Potosi, in South America. It is represented in its natural size .





Original Drawing by SYD. EDWARDS for the Plate in :
FRANCILLON, John. - Description of a rare Scarabaeus (Sc. macropus)
from Potosi in South America, with engraved representation of the
same, coloured from nature. London. 1795. 42 (2Sheets, 1 Pl. col.).

(FRANCILLON) Catalogue of the collection of foreign insects.
London, 1818. 82. (p.74).

Supplementa Entomologica Nr.12. 15. März 1926.

HORN, W. Über den Verbleib der entomologischen Sammlungen der Welt
(ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der Entomo-Museologie). Mit 1 Porträt.
Berlin-Dahlem Gosslerstr. 20.

p.47.

FRANCILLON, John, Sammlg. durch Stevens 1818 verauktioniert: ex
parte an Brit. Mus., ex parte an Mus. Oxford.

Supplementa Entomologica Nr.17. 5. Februar 1929.

HORN, W. Nachträge und Verbesserungen zu meiner Arbeit &Ueber den
Verbleib der entomologischen Sammlungen der Welt. &c.

p.91.

FRANCILLON, John, recte:... "durch Stevens 1818 verauktioniert".

Supplementa Entomologica Nr.12. 15. März 1926.

HORN, W. Über den Verbleib &c.

p.81.

MC LEAY, Alexander, Sammlg. (1848) an seinen Sohn William Sharp
Mc Leay jr.: ex parte (Typen zu "Annul. Javanica") via East India
Co. an Brit. Mus.; ex parte (1865) via dessen Vetter Sir William
Mc Leay an Mc Leay Mus. (University) Sydney.



Le Règne Animal, distribué d'après son Organisation, pour servir
de Base à l'Histoire naturelle des Animaux, et Introduction à
l'Anatomie comparée, par GEORGES CUVIER. Edition accompagnée de
Planches gravées, &c. par une Réunion de Disciples de Cuvier, &c.
Paris, Masson et Cie, Libraires, &c. (1836-1846).

Les Insectes. Avec un Atlas, par Mm. AUDOUIN, BLANCHARD, DOYÈRE,
et MILNE-EDWARDS. Vol. I. Texte.

p. 311.

LES CHRYSOPHORES,

(Chrysophora. Dej.)

Pl. 41, fig. 4.)

Dont les mâles ont les pieds postérieurs très grands, avec les cuisses
grosses, les jambes arquées, et terminées à l'angle interne en une pointe
très forte. (2)

(2) Melolontha chrysochlora, Latr.;
Voy. de Mm. Humb. et Bonpl., II, XV, 1,
fem., 2 mâle;
Scarbaeus macropus, Shaw., Nat. mis.,
CCCLXXX, IV.

(Plate 380 of SHAW'S Vivarium naturae, or the Naturalist's Miscellany
appeared in 1799; cf. Ind. Litt. Entom. HORN & SCHENKLING, IV, p. 1121.)

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Ent. Ver., op 9 Juli 1934. Gepubliceerd in Tijdschrift voor Ento-
mologie LXXVII, 1934. *Sept. 1934.*

Zoological Lectures, delivered at the Royal Institution by
George SHAW, M. D. F. R. S. &c. With Plates from the first Authorities
and most select specimens. Engraved principally by Mrs. Griffith.
London. Printed for G. Kearsley, Fleetstreet, 1809. 82. Vol. I & II.

Vol. II. Lecture IX. p. 96. Plate 113. Middle Figure: "Kangaroo Beetle".
1809. Plate Sign 1808 Oct.

..... Among the exotic Scarabaei or Beetles
many are found of a gigantic size in comparison
with those species which are natives of Europe;
some measuring four, five, or even six inches in
total length. The genus is also extremely ex-
tensive, and so singular is the appearance of many,
that hardly any variety of horn or process can be
conceived, which is not found exemplified in some
particular species. As a proof of this we may
take a view of some of the exotic Beetles repre-
sented in the works of Monsieur Olivier, Mr.
Drury and others. I shall also particularize one
insect of this genus, which, I believe, exists only
in the splendid collection of Mr. Francillon, and
which, from its very peculiar appearance, has been
named the Kangaroo Beetle.

THESE ARE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE OF THE GOODS SHOWN TO YOU AT THE STORE AND AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE SALE IS FINAL AND ALL SALES ARE FINAL. THE BUYER ACCEPTS THE GOODS AS SHOWN AND AS DESCRIBED AND AS THEY ARE. THE BUYER AGREES TO TAKE THE GOODS AS THEY ARE AND AS DESCRIBED AND AS THEY ARE. THE BUYER AGREES TO TAKE THE GOODS AS THEY ARE AND AS DESCRIBED AND AS THEY ARE.

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De heer Mac Gillavry deelt het volgende mede:

De allereerste uitgave van *Petagna: Specimen insectorum ulterioris Calabriae, Napoli 1786*, wordt wel door Hagen in zijn *Bibliotheca entomologica* genoemd, maar wordt merkwaardigerwijze door Horn en Schenkling in den *Index litteraturae entomologicae* weggelaten. Toen Spr., niet lang geleden, in de gelegenheid was, een exemplaar hiervan te verkrijgen, heeft hij het boek aangeschaft. Nu was er bij gezegd, dat er nog eene extra plaat in was, en ook dit had hem nieuwsgierig gemaakt. Het bleek, dat deze extra plaat niets met *Petagna* te maken had, maar eene gekleurde teekening was, op 28 Nov. 1792 vervaardigd naar een insect uit het cabinet van den heer Francillon. „*Sydney Edwards pinx.*” staat er op, en het dier

wordt genoemd *Scarabaeus Kanguroo*. Op het dorso staat : „Le scarabée étoit trouvé en Potosa, près de Peru” en verder : „The Scarabaeus is in the Cabinet of Mr. Francillon, of Norfolk street 28 Novr. 1792. London.”

Al heel spoedig was uit te vinden, dat het insect tegenwoordig *Chrysina macropus* Francillon heet. Het is door Francillon zelf beschreven in eene quarto publicatie, 1795, London : Description of a rare Scarabaeus from Potosi, in South America ; with engraved Representations of the same, coloured from Nature, by John Francillon.

Dit geschrift schijnt zeldzaam te zijn, maar uit de bibliotheek van het Entomologisch Instituut te Dahlem-Berlin mocht Spr. het van Dr. Horn ter leen ontvangen. Daarbij bleek, zooals Spr. reeds vermoed had, dat de teekening van S. Edwards het voorbeeld was van eene der twee figuren op de plaat in Francillon's werk. Spr. liet eene copie van Francillon vervaardigen, die hij laat circuleeren. Er zal dus wel ergens nog eene tweede teekening van Edwards bestaan of bestaan hebben, die de onderzijde van den kever voorstelt.

De kever schijnt als zoovele andere merkwaardige groote insecten nog steeds zeldzaam te zijn en wordt als zoodanig telkens aangehaald, terwijl men daarbij min of meer geslaagde reproducties geeft van Edwards' teekening.

Het interesseerde Spr. ook, om te weten te komen, waar het type van Francillon gebleven was. Van Francillon bestaat, behalve bovengenoemd geschrift, alleen een verkoopscatalogus van 1818 bij Stevens. Dezen heeft Spr. niet te zien gekregen. Wel zegt Shaw in zijn „Zoological Lectures, delivered at the Royal Institution, Vol. II, Lecture IX, 1809”, dat het eenige exemplaar in de collectie Francillon was. Het zal er dus bij den verkoop ook nog wel geweest zijn.

Nu werd zeer veel van Francillon's entomologische nalatenschap gekocht door de musea van Oxford en London, maar het is toch mogelijk, dat de kever daar niet is terecht gekomen, maar in Sydney. Spr. vond in Griffith: The animal Kingdom (Cuvier) 1832 op p. 515 de opmerking „We believe this unique insect is in the collection of Mr. Mac Leay.” Volgens Horn's opgaven in de Supplementa Entomologica No. 12, 1926 en No. 17, 1929 is slechts een deel van Mac Leay's collectie in het British Museum gekomen, maar de hoofdzaak via familieleden aan het Mc. Leay Museum van de Universiteit van Sydney.

Verder is Spr. met zijne naspelingen nog niet gekomen. Toch leek het hem niet oninteressant, deze mededeeling te doen over de lotgevallen van teekening en kever.

The animal Kingdom, arranged in conformity with its Organisation, by the Baron CUVIER, member of the Institute of France, &c. &c. &c. with supplementary Additions to each Order, by Edward GRIFFITH, F.L.S., A.S., corresponding member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, &c. and Others - Volume the Fourteenth. - London: Printed for Whittaker, Treacher, and Co. Ave-Maria-Lane. MDCCCXXXII.

The Class Insecta arranged by the Baron CUVIER, with supplementary Additions to each Order by Edward GRIFFITH, F.L.S., A.S., &c. and Edward RIDGON, Esq. and notices of New Genera and Species by George GRAY, Esq. - Volume the First. - London: Printed for Whittaker, Treacher, and Co. Ave-Maria-Lane. MDCCCXXXII.

.515 1.4 Fig.1 Scarabaeus macropus Sh.Nat.Mis. (Sign. of Pl.1831).

The Fig. is in the Negative !)

In consequence of the singularity of the insect, and the rarity of the tract in which it was originally published, we have deemed the insect described by Mr. Francillon, under the name of the kangaroo beetle, or scarabaeus macropus, to be very worthy of an introduction into our illustrations. This insect is supposed to have come from Potosi, in South America. It is of a bright green colour above, with the elytra smooth, and golden and copperish beneath, with the hind legs increased to a most extraordinary size.

We believe this unique insect is in the collection of Mr. DeClerq. As an inhabitant of South America there can be but little doubt, since Humboldt has discovered a species very like it in form in Peru, which M. Latreille has described in a magnificent work published by himself and W. Humboldt, under the name of melolontha chrysochloris.

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Amsterdam, Z.
J.W.Brouwersplein 9.
15 Jan. 1934.

Dear Mr. POULTON,

With the same post I send you a separate, bearing on the plication of the fore-wings of Lepidoptera. Perhaps though written in Dutch it will interest you.

Secondly I have to ask you some questions, which possibly you may be able to answer. In a volume, that had nothing to do with the subject, I found bound in, a magnificent drawing of Chrysinina macropus Francillon. It is an original drawing by Sydney EDWARDS, 23 Nov. 1792, that apparently served for the plate in FRANCILLON's only entomological publication: "Description of a rare Scarabaeus (Sc. macropus) from Potosi in South America, with engraved representation of the same, coloured from nature." London 49, 1795.

Now the questions I should like to ask are:

I. Is the type in Oxford or in the British Museum, as both Institutes participated in the purchase of Francillon's collection (Catalogue of the collection of foreign Insects. London 1813, 82, pp.74)?

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II. Do you know something about this illustrator Sydney EDWARDS?

I hope you can find time to elucidate these questions.

With kind regards
Yours truly

Sign. Dr. D. MAC GILLAVRY

P.S.

I herewith enclose a letter from my son.

To Prof. E.B.POULTON, M.A.,D.Sc.
F.R.S.

Wykeham House, Banbury Road, OXFORD.

Nice Cimiez
Hermitage Hotel
25 I 1934.

Dear Dr. Mac Gillavry,

Your letter with your son's, arrived just as we were on the point of starting to come here. We return to Oxford on Febr. 8 or 9 & I will take the earliest opportunity of replying to both letters. I shall, I expect, require to consult my friends in the British Museum about Sydney EDWARDS & the type of the Scarabaeid but I hope to be able to find out the facts.

With kind regards
yours very sincerely
Sign. E.B.POULTON.

To Dr.D.Mac GILLAVRY
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Amsterdam, Z. J.W.Brouwersplein 9
26 April 1934.

Dear Mr. POULTON,

In continuation of my letter dd. 15 Jan. 34, I found the following remark in GRIFFITH The Animal Kingdom by Baron CUVIER, 1832. Insecta Vol.I. p.515.

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And in Supplementa Entomologica No.12. 15 März 1926: p.81.

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There is therefore a third possibility, viz. the Type of Scarab. macropus being in Sydney, when it is not found either in Oxford or in the British Museum.

From the Entomol. Institut Berlin-Dahlem I saw the work of FRANCILLON. So I could ascertain that the drawing I possess, is the original of the upper figure of the plate in FRANCILLON's work. There must be a second drawing of the under figure, representing the underside of the insect. But where should that be?

With kind regards
Yours sincerely

Sign. Dr.D.Mac Gillewry.

To Prof. E.B.POULTON, M.A.,D.Sc., F.R.S.
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